



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PASTORAL CARE WEEK

- WHEREAS: Many Georgians are cared for by chaplains and other religious leaders in hospitals, nursing homes, counseling centers, and houses of worship; and
- WHEREAS: Chaplains and religious leaders are important for caring for the whole person, as these dedicated professionals with caring hearts bring messages of hope to all patients, families, caregivers, and staff at the medical facilities they serve; and
- WHEREAS: Pastoral caregivers listen carefully to all voices and promote the growth of the human spirit. Each pastoral caregiver seeks to know and understand the emotions of the individuals they work with in order to provide hope and rejoice with patients; and
- WHEREAS: Pastoral Care Week speaks to the deeper meaning in facing finitude, reconciling bodily limitations, exploring more meaningful relationships with others, and connecting to the universe beyond oneself; and
- WHEREAS: The theme for this year's Pastoral Care Week, "Hospitality: Cultivating Inclusion," addresses one's ability to navigate through or recover from life's most challenging moments by utilizing one's spirituality in adapting to and realigning life following such moments; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23–27, 2017, as PASTORAL CARE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF